

REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8-13, 27, 36 and 38-44. Claims 8, 27, 36 and 38-44 are amended herein. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-7, 14-26, 28-35 and 37 remain cancelled.

Thus, claims 8-13, 27, 36 and 38-44 are pending and under consideration. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted. The rejections are traversed below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101:

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 43 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 43 and 44 has been amended and no longer includes the language in the form rejected by the Examiner.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as being indefinite.

By this Amendment, claim 41 has been amended and no longer includes the language in the form rejected by the Examiner.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 8-13, 27, 36 and 38-44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,216,292 (Snapper). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections of the remaining claims.

Snapper does not teach or suggest "modifying a result of the searching into a display style according to the content information indicating description of the data to be input in the data input box" and "correlating the result modified according to the content information with the data identifying information specifying the data input box", as recited in claim 8. The Applicants respectfully submit that Snapper does not disclose or suggest at least this feature of claim 8. See also claims 27, 36 and 39 reciting similar features of claim 8.

See also claim 38 reciting “displaying the value as an option for entry into the input box... the value being modified into a display style based on content information prior to said displaying, and the content information defining a type of the value to be input into the input box.” Applicants respectfully submit that Snapper does not disclose or suggest at least this feature of claim 38.

Instead, Snapper populates forms in the same way. As explicitly stated in Snapper, “same value can be automatically suggested when the user displays a different form on a different web site” (see, col. 3, lines 42-47 and Abstract). Meaning, all values in Snapper are simply suggested to the user regardless of description of data to be input.

Similarly, Snapper does not teach or suggest that “a result of the searching is modified into a display style according to the content information indicating description of the data to be input in the data input box” and “the result as modified is set into the data input box”, as recited in claim 40. See also claims 41, 42, 43 and 44 reciting similar features.

In addition, claim 39 recites storing data “... in a way that relates the data to the information for identifying the user” and “searching for the data corresponding to the data identifying information and the content information to be displayed on the screen together with the data input box for every user.” Applicants respectfully submit that Snapper does not teach or suggest at least these features of claim 39. Instead, Snapper only discusses populating forms with identical data values for all users.

Moreover, the Snapper system, which is directed to displaying the same value in each of the input box, teaches away from “modifying a result of the searching for the data” based on “content indicating description of the data to be input in the input box”, as taught by the claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts “Snapper, through placing the retrieved and suggested words in a particular format, that of a drop down list in the above embodiment, the words, i.e. searched data, are modified into a display style by content information, i.e. the particular format of form display” (at Response to Argument in page 11 of the Office Action).

However, as an example, the amended claim 8 recites “modifying a result of the searching”, and “according to the contents information indicating description of the data to be input in the data input box.”

The Snapper reference merely describes a portion of a form without any teaching of the claimed "modifying" of the result of the search. In particular, the Snapper reference states:

"Beginning with FIG. 4A, a portion of a form is shown, including a field label 401 and a field data entry region 402. The user is presumed to have typed the first letter "J" corresponding to her name, and a pop-down, scrollable list 403 is immediately displayed with a list of possible choices for inserting into data entry area 402. As explained previously, these choices can be determined and displayed according to various heuristics."

Further, the Snapper reference states:

"In one embodiment, drop-down list 403 appears after the user enters the first character of a data value in form data area 402. The user will then have the opportunity to review the possible choices, which may be limited to previously used values for that field that begin with the same character. Alternatively, instead of typing the first letter, the user can press the "down" arrow key, which will cause the pop-down list to appear with suggestions for that field. With this approach, the user can, for example, fill out a zip code field without typing a single number (i.e., merely hitting the down arrow key will cause a list with the person's previously used zip code to appear). In one embodiment, the pop-down list feature may be limited to single-line edit boxes to prevent matching on such fields as e-mail messages."

As can be seen from above, Snapper merely displays a list of choices for a field data value using a drop-down list that is presented regardless of the value to be input. Thus, Snapper does not discuss "modifying a result of the searching into a display style according to the content information indicating description of the data to be input in the data input box", as taught by the claimed invention. For the above-discussed reason, the Examiner does not appear to have established a priori case of anticipation. For this reason it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim (see MPEP §2131). In view of the distinction noted above, at least one claimed element is not present in the Snapper reference. Therefore, since Snapper does not disclose the features recited in the independent claims, as stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims patentably distinguish over Snapper, and withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection is earnestly and respectfully solicited.

Claims depending from the independent claims include all of the features of that claim plus additional features which are not disclosed by Snapper. For at least the above-mentioned reasons, claims depending from the independent claims are patentably distinguishable over

Snapper. The dependent claims are also independently patentable.

For example, Snapper does not teach or suggest "... identifying a user of the terminal," where data is stored "in a way that relates the data to the information for identifying the user, and the control unit searches for the data corresponding to the data identifying information for every user", as recited in claim 12. Instead, Snapper only presents a drop-down list to a user in a uniform manner and regardless of identity of the user using the terminal.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

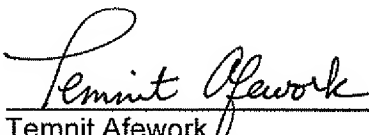
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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